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Supplemental to the response filed May 13, 2003, Applicants would like to make a clarification in the arguments presented in the Remarks. The statement was made: "In Taniguchi, the electron beam is accelerated before irradiation onto the sample by adjustment of the electron gun, and the electron beam is irradiated on the sample in one area." This concept is expressed more accurately by stating that : In Taniguchi, the electron beam is accelerated before irradiation onto the sample by adjustment of the electron gun, and the electron beam is irradiated on the whole sample at the same time.

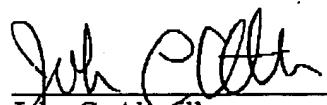
As discussed in the response filed May 13, 2003, in view of this and all of the other differences between the prior art and the claimed invention, Applicants believe that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

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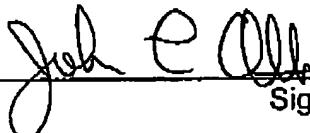
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